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I am lodging this protest against SCE&G's request for a 9.5% rate hike, Docket No. 2009-489-E.

I am a retired citizen who hasn't had a COLA neither from Social Security nor from my former employer's pension.

On the other hand, here are some facts about SCE&G:

- SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008.
- New rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.
- For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.
- SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

In short , enough of their greed to the detriment of the survival of the rest of us!

Yours truly,

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